

Draft Minutes

Vermont State Hospital Futures Advisory Group

2 p.m. – March 20, 2006

Stanley Hall
State Office Complex
Waterbury, Vermont

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2 p.m. by Deputy Commissioner Paul Blake. The names of most of the approximately 45 people present appear at the end of these minutes, although not all members of the public signed in. Public comment was taken during the meeting.

The meeting began with a review by Beth Tanzman of the draft of a Futures plan update to be presented on March 22 to the Legislative Mental Health Oversight Committee. A discussion followed, with suggestions for changes to the draft coming from the committee members. Public comment was taken. No vote was taken, but the draft plan, with suggested changes, met with general approval.

Michael Hartman then reviewed draft guidelines for Community Recovery Residences and led a discussion of the draft. Concern was voiced that the standing Futures staff policy to call special meetings when projects are about to move forward could conflict with the policy of having providers first inform the local legislative body and community leaders.

A motion was made by Bob Pierattini that the committee endorse the concept set out in the Community Recovery Residences document and explicitly acknowledge that designated agencies that want to pursue development of specific sites be allowed to do so without prior review by the Futures Group. The motion was seconded and passed, 20 yeas, zero nays, and one abstention.

A motion was made by Anne Donahue that 1) the Futures staff be asked to notify Futures Group members as soon as practically possible after public disclosure that a project is under consideration or is moving forward, that 2) designated agencies that enter into project negotiations be clear to potential sellers that external advisement is needed, and that 3) a mechanism be developed so that the Futures Group can review proposals and provide timely advice to the secretary of human services. The motion was seconded and passed, 20 yeas, zero nays, and one abstention.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:45 p.m.

MEMBERS

Larry Thompson
JoEllen Swaine
Jackie Lehman
Jeff Rothenberg
Jack McCullough
Michael Sabourin
Conor Casey
David Fassler
Paul Dupre
Anne Donahue
Ken Libertoff
Larry Lewack
Sandra Steingard
Kitty Gallagher
Sally Parrish
Peter Thomashow
Stan Baker
Xenia Williams
Judy Rosenstreich
John Malloy
Diane Bogdan
Tim Rockress
Gregory Miller (for Bob Soucy)
Bob Pierattini

GUESTS

Irene North
Barbara Farnham
William Baker
Scott Thompson
Nick Emlen
Maureen Mayo
Michael Hartman
Julie Tessler
Alicia Wiess
Goldie Watson

STATE STAFF

Paul Blake
Steve Gold
Beth Tanzman
Dawn Philibert
Mike Kuhn
Ira Sollace
Tom Ciaraldi
John Howland Jr.
Heidi Hall
Linda Cohen